

MANSFIELD AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
APPROVED Minutes of September 3, 2013, meeting
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Conference Room B, 7:30 p.m.

1. Chairman Al Cyr called the meeting to order at 7:30.

PRESENT: Al Cyr, Vicky Wetherell, Ed Hall, Shep Stearns, Jennifer Kaufman (staff). Charlie Galgowski arrived at 8:35.

2. Minutes of the July 2, 2013 meeting were approved. (The August meeting was cancelled.)

3. The committee voted to add an Executive Session to the agenda,

Old Business

4. *Mansfield Tomorrow* Jennifer updated the committee on upcoming events in this project.

New Business

5. *Pleasant Valley Zoning Regulation Amendments* To settle a lawsuit, the Planning and Zoning Commission has proposed a reduction in the maximum acreage (from 40 to 35 percent of prime agricultural acreage) that PZC can require to be permanently preserved in a subdivision in a PVRA or PVCA zone. The committee is concerned that there is no requirement for this acreage to be useful, accessible, or well buffered. The committee deferred comment on the amount and location of a proposed preservation area until there is a subdivision proposal. The committee continues to be concerned about issues identified by them in previous PZC zoning proposals for this area, particularly zoning for multi-family housing in one of the Town's important agricultural areas.

6. *Bow Hunting on Baxter Road property* A bow hunter has requested permission to hunt on the Baxter property. The committee tabled this discussion until the Town attorney can provide an opinion about several issues.

7. *Sauve easement* The committee reviewed the easement document and approved it with minor recommended changes.

8. *Executive Session* The committee voted to go into executive session at 8:27 and to come out of executive session at 8:57.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05. Next meeting on October 1